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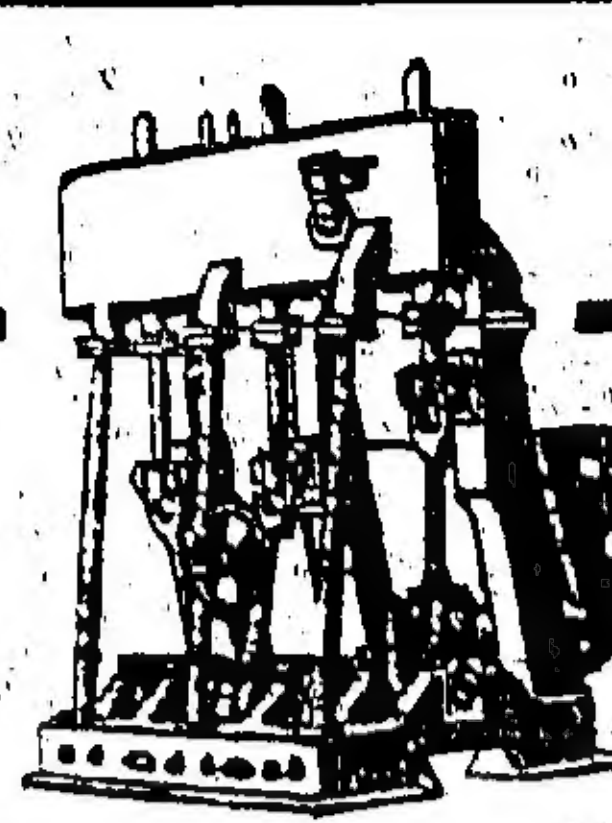
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**THE WAR.**  
LATEST TELEGRAMS.  
(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

**THE DISASTROUS  
EXPLOSION IN  
LONDON.**  
ITS EFFECTS DESCRIBED.  
—  
LONDON, Jan. 21.  
The firemen were able to circum-  
scribe the fire.  
Heartrending scenes attended the  
removal of women and girls from  
blazing premises. Many were un-  
conscious, having been stunned by  
the shock. Some were terribly  
burned and charred.  
A crowd of tugs was soon busy  
taking victims across the water to  
every hospital within reach. One  
child a few months old was extri-  
cated from a heap of ruins, once its  
parent's home, being the sole sur-  
vivor of a family of six.  
Fires were still burning relent-  
lessly at midnight. Roof after roof  
collapsed with terrific crashes, and  
the flames rose higher and higher.  
Expanding fountains and the masts  
of shipping stood out clearly sil-  
houetted in the sky. The scene was  
awful in its grandeur.  
As evidence of the force of the  
explosions, it is stated that a huge  
piece of a boiler, weighing three or  
four tons, was found in a field 400  
yards from the scene of the disaster.  
Another piece, a "ton" in weight,  
crashed into a butcher's shop instan-  
taneously killing the occupants.  
The district in the immediate  
neighbourhood of the explosion looks  
as if it had been visited by a terrible  
earthquake. Houses have been  
demolished wholesale, the roofs being  
ripped off and many buildings have  
been left with only one wall stand-  
ing.  
Apparently places on either side of  
the river suffered most severely, the  
concussion apparently travelling over  
the water rather than over land. In  
some cases dwellings several miles  
down the river suffered more than  
buildings much closer to the scene.  
In a few isolated cases windows in  
the heart of London were smashed.  
Some plate glass in Kingsway was  
blown out and windows were broken  
in St. James' Park. There was  
much damage to glass at Brixton,  
Brockley and Greenwich. The shock  
was most severely felt at Lewisham  
and Catford.

**THE WESTERN FRONT.**  
—  
GERMAN ATTACK EASILY  
REPULED.  
—  
PARIS, Jan. 21.  
A French communiqué states:  
A German attack in the direction of  
Canny-sur-Metz, in the region of  
Lassigny, was easily repulsed. We took  
prisoners.  
—  
CONDITIONS AT THE  
FRONT.  
—  
SICKNESS REDUCED TO A  
MINIMUM.  
—  
LONDON, Jan. 22.  
Router's Correspondent at Head-  
quarters, describing the conditions there,  
says a white mantle covers the semi-  
frozen ground. The trenches are already  
in a slushy and deplorable mess, which  
is inevitable when the ground really  
thaws. Nevertheless, conditions in the  
permanent trenches are better than last  
winter. If we are uncomfortable, the  
Germans are far worse. Everything is  
being done to mitigate our hardships,  
including the use of skin coats, wading  
boots, muggers, mittens and good hot  
meals served to the men in the front-  
line. Consequently sickness and "trench  
feet" are reduced to a minimum.

**THE BLOCKADE.**  
—  
GREAT SCARCITY IN ENEMY  
COUNTRIES.  
—  
LONDON, Jan. 22.  
An interview with Lord Robert  
Ceil, Minister of Blockade, published  
in France, describing the work of the  
blockade, concludes:—"The scarcity in  
Germany is undoubtedly very grave.  
There is every reason to believe that  
the condition of her allies is worse.  
The telegram from Rotterdam an-  
nouncing the meeting of Austro-  
Hungarian statesmen in Berlin to discuss  
the feeding question coincides with the  
most serious food crisis yet reached.  
In Berlin many bakeries have closed  
down for lack of supplies and many  
householders have been without bread  
for a fortnight. The failure of the potato  
harvest is accountable for the scarcity,  
as potato-flour is necessary in bread-  
making. Milk, also, is extremely scarce  
and very dear. A new regulation orders  
that sausages shall contain at least 12%  
per cent. of bran."

**ORGANISING LABOUR.**  
—  
LONDON, Jan. 21.  
Mr. Neville Chamberlain, addressing  
the alliance of Employers and Employed  
at Birmingham, said: "Perhaps it  
will depend on our efforts during the  
next few weeks whether there will be  
a fourth winter campaign or not. The  
colossal task of organising the nation  
must be faced. The nation must  
understand that the Government is  
most earnest about it and will not  
hesitate to take what steps they think  
necessary for victory, if voluntary  
service is insufficient."

**MR. BALFOUR'S NOTE.**  
—  
GERMANS INFURIATED.  
—  
LONDON, Jan. 22.  
Mr. Balfour's Note to President  
Wilson has infuriated the Germans.  
The Koelnische Zeitung says:  
"The reply to British arrogance,  
distortions and menaces must be the  
sword and torpedo."

**THE RUSSIANS ON THE FRENCH  
FRONT.**  
—  
FIND THE WINTER WEATHER  
"MILD."  
—  
LONDON, Jan. 22.  
Router's Correspondent at French  
Headquarters has visited the Rus-  
sian sector and says the Russians,  
who are mostly Eastern-front  
veterans, are finding the weather  
"mild."  
The Germans greatly resent the  
presence of the Russians and seek  
over gas at every opportunity, but  
the precautions taken by the Rus-  
sians are effective.  
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**SHORTAGE OF WOLFRAM IN  
GERMANY.**  
—  
PARIS, Jan. 22.  
The Germans are offering a big  
prize for a substitute for wolfram,  
of which there is a shortage.

**WOLFRAM DISCOVERIES IN  
CORNWALL.**  
—  
LONDON, Jan. 22.  
New lodes of Wolfram are stated  
to have been discovered in Cornwall,  
sufficient to provide a large propor-  
tion of the British requirements.



## INTIMATIONS

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY, 23rd January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co. Ltd.

General Agents for the  
West Point Building Company Limited,  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1415

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY, 23rd January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1414

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT &amp; AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1413

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY, 23rd January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1412

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the UNION TRADING COMPANY of No. 3 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, that on and after this date and until further notice Mr. S. M. CHURN and Mr. C. HONKEY are the only Managers of the firm and no person except them has any authority to sign any instrument or document on behalf of the firm.

The public is requested to bring to the firm's notice any instrument or document purported to be made by the firm whether before or after this date which is not signed by either the said S. M. CHURN or the said C. HONKEY.

UNION TRADING COMPANY.  
Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1420

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Forage and Indian Supplies, 20th February, 1917.

Meat and General Supplies "A", 22nd February, 1917.  
Hospital Supplies, 1st March, 1917.

General Supplies "B", 2nd March, 1917. Forms and other particulars may be obtained personally at the above Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tender Forms must be properly filled up, signed and dated, and delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Forage, etc."

Tenders must be, and will not be entertained unless accompanied by a deposit of \$100 as a guarantee of good faith, such sum to be forfeited to the State if the tenderer fails to attend at the Headquarters Office after twenty-four hours' notice in writing being left at the tenderer's address, or fails to send in samples within twenty-four hours of written application being left at the said address, or refuses to accept a contract allotted to him.

The right to reject all, or any, tenders is specially reserved.

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## BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 3 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY the 23rd and 24th instants.

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1427

## WANTED.

SECRETARY (Lady or Gentleman) wanted to generally assist the Deputy Superintendent of the Hongkong Police Reserve. (Hours, roughly 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.) Apply to:-

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Princes Buildings,  
Ice House Street.  
Hongkong, Jan. 20, 1917. 1432

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

FROM 1st February till further notice the following changes will be made in the Company's Time Table.

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From 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour instead of every ten minutes.  
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SUNDAYS & WEEK-DAYS.  
The 8.10 p.m. car will be discontinued.

Hongkong, Jan. 15, 1917. 1430

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ALTHOUGH the subscription lists were closed on the 26th December, the RUSSO ASIATIC BANK, Hongkong, is prepared to ACCEPT ORDERS for the above Loan up to the 13th FEBRUARY on the subscription terms as previously advertised.

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1223

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## SPY HUNTING ON GERMAN-SWISS FRONTIER.

## THE ORDEAL OF THE BATH.

The correspondent at Basle of the Daily News, writes as follows:

I have just passed a morning at Otterbach, a suburb of Basle, situated on the German-Swiss frontier, watching the exodus of Germans from the Fatherland. Before the war the German trains crossed the frontier at this point and steamed into the "Baden" railway station, a mammoth building erected by Swiss territory at a cost of nearly £1,000,000 by the German Government and owned, of course, by Germany.

At the outbreak of war the Swiss politely but firmly told the German Government that German railway trains would no longer be allowed to enter Swiss territory, and today the station is occupied by Swiss soldiers. Teutonic and neutral travellers leaving Germany alight from the train outside Otterbach, where they are searched and examined, and having passed through the Swiss Customs house on the other side of the gate, drive in taxis or omnibuses to the Swiss railway stations in Basle, where they resume their journey.

A barbed-wire fence guarded by elderly Landsturm men separates Swiss territory from the little yard in which the preliminary examination of the travellers takes place, and when the express arrives each morning from Berlin a crowd of Swiss nurse-maids and children and a few night workers invariably assemble to watch the proceedings.

The travellers stand in rows and the German special police survey them closely. In the Customs house the officials search principally for gold and foodstuffs. In the rare case in which either is found the offending traveller is at once arrested. From the Customs house the travellers pass into the investigation department, where each person undergoes a cross-examination much severer and more thorough than that which he may have had to undergo in the yard. This ordeal over, the men pass to the right into a searching room, the ladies to the left into another.

THE HOT BATH.

German thoroughness also characterises this part of the procedure. There is no half-hearted searching. The woman searcher always combs the hair of the ladies in case written messages or documents are concealed there. Whilst the searching is taking place, a warm bath is prepared for the person searched, and he or she, as the case may be, proceeds to the bathroom. The compulsory bath, I was told, has only figured in the programme during the last few weeks, but the Germans insist on it because they declare, rightly or wrongly, that much valuable information written in invisible ink upon the bodies of travellers was previously conveyed out of Germany. The hot bath, in which a chemical is dissolved, is expected automatically to erase any such messages.

A Swiss friend and myself reached the barbed-wire fence this morning before the nurse-maids and the perambulators. We heard the distant whistle of the express, and five minutes or so later the passengers, who numbered about 25, were standing in an irregular line in the road. They were the usual motley collection of wartime travellers—the woman with the baby, the woman with the pet dog and three large hat-boxes, an official-like personage, a few

men who were probably commercial travellers, and the inevitable American. THE GIRL WHO STUDIED MUSIC.

The Chief of Police and two or three subordinates walked up and down before the travellers, eyeing each of them keenly. Once or twice the Chief stopped with a jerk, tugged his moustache and looked very grave. All the passengers were allowed to enter the Customs house except three—a girl, about 20 years of age, a young man, and a man who might be fifty.

"Your passport, Fraulein," said the chief politely. He studied the document closely, his eyes passing from the photograph to the girl and back again.

"What were you doing in Berlin?" "Studying music," she said. "Why could you not study music in Switzerland?" asked the chief, severely. "I suppose I could; but you know it's the thing to go to Berlin or Leipzig."

"Yes, it's the thing," he repeated. "What school did you attend?" he added sharply. "The Conservatoire, of course."

"What was the name of your professor?" She named a distinguished German violinist. "Bring me the latest musical directory," said the chief to one of the subordinates. Next, "Where do you live, Fraulein?"

"Which floor?" "What is the name of the person on the floor below yours, and the profession of the occupier of the flat above?"

She answered promptly. "Now bring me the latest official directory of the City of Zurich," said the chief, as the subordinate handed him the musical directory. His investigations into both volumes seemed to prove the accuracy of the girl's statements; and, having saluted her, he signalled to her to enter the Customs House. The two men speedily proved their bona fides, and the chief disappeared also into the Customs House. No spies were caught this morning.

HOW THE GERMANS CROSSED THE DANUBE.

One of the war correspondents had this to say on the subject—

The astonishing facility with which the Danube was crossed by a German army between Sator and Zimmern is to be explained—like most German successes since the beginning of the war—by technical superiority. Powerful long-range batteries were established at many points on the right bank and on several islands, and these prevented the Russian and Rumanian gunboats from navigating the river. At the same time other long-range batteries crushed or drove back the Rumanian batteries which, on the left bank, had tried in vain to defeat the German attacks. Then Austrian monitors, having nothing to fear from the Russian and Rumanian boats, interfered, and protected that operation which in one jump brought the enemy to the vicinity of Bucharest.

THE MAN WHO Gets There

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.  
FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

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By Order,  
A. R. LOWE,  
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Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1917. 1437

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twelfth Annual GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Limited, on SATURDAY, the 3rd February, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th January to 3rd February both dates inclusive.

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Chinese New Year.

General Holiday.

4 p.m.—Charity Football Match on H.K.C.C. ground, Happy Valley.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24:—

General Holiday.

10 a.m. Cricket.—Married v. Single on H.K.C.C. ground.

4 p.m. Football.—Volunteers v. R.G.A.

THURSDAY, Jan. 25:—

Burns' Night.

FRIDAY, Jan. 26:—

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders and Subscribers to St. John's Cathedral.

SATURDAY, Jan. 27:—

Entries close for Hongkong Race Meeting.

SUNDAY, Jan. 28:—

H.K. Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

11.30 a.m.—West Point Building Co's Meeting.

11.45 a.m.—H.K. Central Estate Ltd's Meeting.

Noon.—H.K. Land Investment and Agency Co's Meeting.

12.15 p.m.—H.K. Land Reclamation Co's Meeting.

3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 31:—

5 p.m.—Prize Distribution by M.C. at St. Paul's Institution.

dependant on the seasons. The fifth moon holiday, for instance, comes when the young rice has been transplanted, and the eighth month holiday is really the harvest festival of China. Advance the time of observance of these holidays by four or six weeks and it would cause the maximum amount of inconvenience. What the adoption of the Gregorian calendar really amounts to, therefore, is an increase in the number of holidays for the public officials and for the great business houses in the cities of China. To the old lunar festivals are now added not only the Gregorian New Year, but also holidays in celebration of the inauguration of Republican Government in China. Perhaps the new rulers of China take the view that as the people of China generally work seven days a week, they can well stand these extra holidays.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### CHARGE AGAINST A SHIP'S OFFICER.

James Cooper, a ship's officer, charged with being drunk and disorderly in Nathan Road, Kowloon, appeared before Mr. Wood this morning. On the application of Mr. F. W. Goldring, solicitor for the defendant, the case was remanded for one month, bail of \$25 being accepted.

### ALLEGED IMPORTING WITHOUT A PERMIT.

A Chinese charged with importing without a permit eight Winchester rifles, eight Mauser pistols and 1,500 rounds of ammunition, found by Sergeant Detective Fowler aboard the steamer *Monteagle* last Saturday, appeared before Mr. Melbourne. Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, defendall and the case was adjourned.

### THEFT OF BAGS.

A Chinese charged with stealing nine bags from his employer pleaded guilty before Mr. Wood, stating that he used the bags to cover himself with. When a Lukong testified that he had arrested the man while attempting to sell the bags the defendant confessed that he was trying to obtain money for the New Year. Defendant was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

### LARCENY AT KOWLOON.

Three Chinese, charged with larceny from a dwelling, were alleged to have entered the residence of Mr. A. W. Heron, Chater Bungalow, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and removed a number of articles among which were two clocks, a watch and chain, clothing and cooking utensils. The defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks. Two Chinese, a man and woman, were charged with receiving the stolen goods. They were both remanded.

### AN OLD TRICK.

A Chinese woman while walking in Pottinger Street was accosted by a man who informed her that he had \$145 which he was instructed to give her. She accompanied him to a house in Cochrane Street and there handed him a gold bangle and a gold ring, valued at \$66, as security. Upon receiving the articles the man ran away.

### THE THEFT OF ANCHORS.

Charged on remand with the theft of two anchors from the French steamer *Hue*, belonging to Messrs. Marly & Co., M. Balusotia, formerly Chief Officer of the *Hue*, appeared before Mr. Wood to-day.

The Hon. C.S.P. (Mr. McI. Messer) prosecuted and Mr. F. C. Jenkin defended.

Mr. Jenkin intimated that the important document in the case was not in the defendant's handwriting as alleged, but in that of a man named Martinson, who was second officer of the *Hue*. He also stated that he would call evidence to prove that Martinson, and not the defendant, was on duty on the *Hue* at the time of the alleged theft. Furthermore, he would show that on previous occasions Martinson had got hold of ship's stores and had been discovered by the defendant, then his superior officer. Witnesses were then called and the case again adjourned.

### THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

The number of small pox cases reported last week was 83—57 being in the city of Victoria and 26 in other districts. All but two were Chinese, the exception being a Japanese. One case was imported. There were 63 deaths.

### CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

#### SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

Special privileges have always been accorded to Ministers of foreign countries travelling on Chinese railways but up till now no special regulation has been issued governing the same, says the "Peking Gazette." In order to make the system uniform the Ministry of Communications has drawn up the following rules:

1. A special car will be attached to any train for the use of Ministers of foreign countries when coming to China to assume office or on return to his own country. Only personal tickets will be required but no charge will be made for the special car.
2. A Minister of any foreign country may have a coupe reserved for him on any train, provided the ticket is bought for him, when he wishes to leave Peking on a trip.

## NEW RECREATION GROUNDS OPENED.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Postmaster General, opened a new Tennis Court on Saturday at Leighton Road for the joint use of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. Tennis Club and the G. P. O. Recreation Club. There was a very large attendance.

Mr. Wolfe, who was introduced by Mr. Chan Harr, President of the Chinese Y. M. C. A., expressed the gratitude of both clubs to Mr. Anton of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. for kindly lending the grounds. Giving a brief account of how the two clubs united in securing the same grounds, he stated that the Chinese Y. M. C. A. had always been keen on sports but had been without a ground for some time and were on the lookout for such a place when they learned that the European Y. M. C. A. no longer required theirs. Steps were, therefore, taken to obtain this ground. At the same time the G. P. O. were out on a quest of the same nature. For some time the health of the staff, particularly the Chinese staff, had been a matter of growing concern on the part of those in charge. As a result of the constant friction which the mail suffers on a journey sometimes of three or four thousand miles, it is covered with dust which the sorter freely inhales. Unless something can be done to counteract the effects of this, the health of those who handle the mails must be seriously impaired. Accordingly a bathing club was organized and proved successful. But need for more and varied recreation was felt, and after conferring with representatives of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. an agreement was easily reached which will no doubt prove to the benefit of both parties. The use of the grounds falls to the Y. M. C. A. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and to the G. P. O. on the remaining days of the week.

Exhibition games of Basketball, Volley Ball and Tennis were contested. In the Basketball match the Whites (Captain Ko Sik Wai) won from the Reds (Captain H. H. Shing) by 4 to 3. The Volley Ball was won by Queen's College against the Y. M. C. A., 2-0.

In the Tennis Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Watt, Mr. Ross and Mr. Britto, represented the G. P. O. The Y. M. C. A. was represented by Messrs. McPherson, and Wilson, Chan Yai Yau and Mohler. The result was a win by the Chinese Y. M. C. A.

### UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY'S DIVIDEND.

#### REDUCTION OF CAPITAL CONTEMPLATED.

Subject to audit the Consulting Committee of the Union Waterboat Company Ltd., will recommend the payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share, absorbing \$34,653; write \$15,000 off waterboats, \$500 off pipes and staging, \$1,000 off investments, and carry forward a balance of \$8,221.31.

The Consulting Committee have also in contemplation the reduction of the Company's Capital from \$277,230 to \$194,061, which will probably be effected by returning to shareholders the sum of \$3 in respect of each share held by them and thus reducing the face value of each share from \$10 to \$7.

### BRITISH MAN-POWER IN SHANGHAI.

The following notification by H. M. Consul-General is published in the Shanghai Papers:—

The heads of British firms, other than one man concerns, are requested to submit immediately:

- (1) A return of all British members of their firms. The return should be arranged in order of value of the various members to the firm; so that, should conscription be introduced at any time, the necessary data will already be filed.
- (2) A return of those members of their firm who can at once be spared for military service or similar employment without actual dislocation of the firm's business. In the case of firms having branches elsewhere in China, this return should include any such employees elsewhere.

These returns will be treated as confidential, and should be sent in covered marked "Return" and be addressed to H. M. Commercial Attaché's office.

### SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co's Piece Goods Market Report says:—

The market remains steady to firm but as we are now only four days off the usual date of closing of business prior to departure to their homes for the Chinese New Year interval, of the native merchants from other parts of the country, there is naturally a very small trade doing. Nevertheless one or two outlets are anxious for a few closing deals for cash, in fancy goods and white shirtings, the Changsha, Taingtau and Tainanfu merchants having money in hand for investment.

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Banks	330 p.m.
Hongkong Lands	710 nominal
Humphreys	85 nominal
H'kong Tramways	7 buyers
Kung Yik	125 b. x div.
Shai Cottons	117 buyers
	1164 & 1152 sales

## NEW YEAR IN CHINESE HOMES.

The following description of the observance of China New Year, written by a Northern Chinese a year or two ago, will doubtless possess an interest for many readers on the eve of China New Year.

The old year has passed away, the noise of fire-crackers gradually fades into the darkness of the distant hills. All the gods and spirits have been sent off with due pomp into the heavenly palace to attend the annual audience with the Heavenly King. With the exception of the God of Wealth and God of the Kitchen, the time of their return is not known. For this reason it is the custom to light candles and burn incense, all through the house, the first thing in the New Year morning.

In addition to the usual candles and incense sticks for the Ancestors, family gods, kitchen-god, god of wealth, spirit of the land and all the nameless passing gods, special honour is given to Heaven and the God of the Well. This is the only time of the year when the two last-named gods receive their share of worship which they enjoy for about a month. Of these two the former is considered of more importance, as Heaven is always the symbol of the Almighty, before whom filial sons and daughters pray for their parents' good health and long life.

The ceremony is very solemn though simple. The eldest son gets up early in the morning with his wife and noiselessly prepares some rice-four balls which they afterwards boil. A small tea table is placed in the centre of the courtyard, on which are arranged the candle sticks and incense burner together with three cups of rice-four balls. After the washing of hands the candles and incense sticks are lit, and the son and his wife worship in turn before the little table. Appropriate prayers are said while worshipping. Usually the worshippers pray for the blessings of Heaven to rest upon the aged grandfather or grandmother, to give them good health and prolong their lives.

The real family-social side of the New Year's day begins after the worship is over. Each member of the family receives a cup of rice-four balls as he leaves bed. In the wealthier families a cup of water-dilly-seeds and dates is taken in addition to the rice-balls. The whole family, led by the eldest son and wife, congratulate the grandfather and grandmother by kow-towing to them four times. In turn, the grandsons and daughters kowtow to their parents in the same way. It is an old-time custom for the parents and grand-parents to give strings of white brass-cash to the children as New Year presents or charms. As these cash must all be of the same size, great pains are taken a few months ahead in picking and keeping them. It is now the custom to give dollars instead of cash, but in some families the old custom is still preserved in addition to the dollar-present.

After the family New Year ceremony is over, breakfast is served, usually in the form of fried Nien-how (New Year cake, rice-balls). The grown-ups then go out on a round of New Year calls, while the younger ones enjoy themselves with fire-crackers. It takes from one to five days to finish the calls. At the houses of the close relatives, and intimate friends the caller enters the house and bows. He sits a few minutes while tea and refreshments are served to him. But with ordinary friends or officials of the junior rank, he only leaves his card at the door. To save trouble and keep a careful record of the callers, a special box is nailed to the door with the notice: "For Caller's Card" on it. As nearly all people are out calling at the same time, very few friends are seen during the busy day of the New Year. The New Year call is, therefore, usually a long ride in the sedan chair.

While the men are out calling on friends, the ladies pass their time at home playing cards, dominoes, dice and sparrow-game. Petty gambling is allowed during the New Year, even in the most strictly disciplined homes. Until a few years before the Revolution, public gambling was allowed for three days. Children, dressed in their best suits, specially made for the occasion, visit the temples and public or private gardens which are usually open at this time. Toys are bought for the little ones as Europeans do at Christmas. In many ways the New Year is the Christmas of the Chinese children.

### PAY FOR REVOLUTIONARY TROOPS.

#### DEMANDS OF THE PROVINCES.

Demands from the provinces for funds in order to pay off revolutionary troops continue to be received by the Central Government. Lunz Chi-kwang has been again pressing for large sums and requests to be allowed to draw on the Kwangtung salt funds; this request, however, is not likely to be granted. Tang Chi-yao, the Treasurer of Yunnan, is also persistently demanding funds. The Government recently remitted to him a million dollars, but Tang Chi-yao again wired stating that this amount is insufficient and that he requires upwards of \$1,000,000 before the New Year.

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## SPORTING.

### WEDNESDAY HOLIDAY MATCH.

VOLUNTEERS V. R.G.A.  
The Volunteers team will be:—Gokienberg, Black, McChibbin, Ralston, Stewart, Baildon, Walker, Robinson, Stalker, McVish and Rodger. Kick off 4 p.m.

### CRICKET.

#### KOWLOON C.C. V. MILITARY.

Played at Kowloon on Saturday.

KOWLOON.					
L. J. Blackburn	c Smith	b Baker	19		
J. H. Mead	c Black	b Wyatt	81		
C. Woodmann	c Black	b Smith	0		
W. L. Weaver	c Smith	b Storr	43		
Ed. E. H. Gray	c Storr	b Wyatt	13		
J. P. Robinson	b Storr		4		
W. T. Elson	b Wyatt		0		
W. T. Forsyth	b Storr		3		
W. F. A. Knapton	c Dix	b Baker	3		
E. J. Edwards	not out		3		
H. Overy	not out		1		
Extras			6		
Total			181		

### BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Baker	10	1	64	2
Smith	6	1	35	1
McGregor	5	1	35	1
Storr	6	1	30	3
Wyatt	4	1	17	3

### MILITARY.

Lt. Baker	c Overy	3		
Sergeant McGregor	c and b Weaver	38		
Wyatt	c Gray	29		
Smith	c Woodmann	22		
Dix	not out	17		
Pago	c and b Robinson	11		
Storr	b W.	13		
Veal				
Golden	did not bat			
Black				
Extras			5	
Total			331	

### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gray	11	1	43	2
Weaver	9	1	52	1
Blackburn	6	1	30	1
Forsyth	2	1	18	1
Robinson	4	0	24	2

### CHINESE RECREATION CLUB V. UNIVERSITY.

The C.R.C. defeated the University at Causeway Bay on Saturday, the scores being as follows:—

#### UNIVERSITY.

ing as follows:—

UNIVERSITY.

Ponsonby Fane, c Wong, b Un	...	20
D. Wright, b Lee	...	11
C. Danenberg, b Lee	...	11
A. de Souza, c and b Un	...	11
D. K. Samy, b Un	...	0
A. E. Rumbach, b Un	...	13
A. G. Gittins, b Ching	...	6
D. P. Dixon, b Ching	...	0
W. Hall, b Ching	...	4
G. Hall, not out	...	2
S. A. Ismail, b Un	...	3
Extras	...	3
Total	...	73

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. Lee	10	1	36	2
M. T. Yew	7	1	35	1
Un How Fan	6.3	1	20	3
H. Ching	4	0	18	3

#### G.R.C.

	10.	M.	R.	W.
Lee .....	2	0	25	2
T. Yew.....	7	3	8	0
How Fan .....	6.3	1.	20	5
Ching .....	4	0	16	3

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. P. Dixon	13	5	36	2
A. de Souza	5	1	18	2
J. D. Wright	2	0	15	1
A. H. Rumbach	4	2	15	1
R. Ponsonby	1.2	0	7	2
S. A. Ismail	1	0	1	0

### RIFLE SHOOTING.

#### VOLUNTEER RESERVES BEAT DOCKYARD IN THE LEAGUE.

On Saturday afternoon the H.K. Volunteer Reserves beat the Dockyard R.C. in a Rifle League Match on the Tai Hang Range, by ten points. The scores were:—

#### VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

	200	500	600
C.Q.M.S. Mackay	32	29	34
Pte. Jenkins	30	31	30
Sgt. Leach	31	29	29
Pte. McLennan	28	32	35



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

## GOOD PROGRESS AROUND KUT.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

An official report from Mesopotamia says:

We have driven out the enemy from the area north-east of Kut-el-Amara and now hold the trench-system on a front of 2,600 yards to a depth of 1,100 yards.

We have cleared the enemy from the right bank of the Tigris from Kut-el-Amara down stream and have further progressed against the trenches on the right bank south-west of Kut-el-Amara.

## RUMANIAN OPERATIONS.

## ENEMY OFFENSIVE DEFINITELY CHECKED IN MOLDAVIA.

Jassy, Jan. 19.

The latest communications show that the enemy offensive in southern and western Moldavia has been definitely checked and that the Rumanians have achieved marked successes at different points.

## A SEVERE STRUGGLE.

London, Jan. 21.

A German official report, received by wireless, states:

We captured on Friday, in addition to Nancetti, the whole bridgehead. We stormed several lines, capturing the town after a violent house-to-house struggle.

The Russians storming back across the Sereth bridges suffered heavily from our fire. We took 556 prisoners.

## TWO COMMERCE RAIDERS.

## CINEMATOGGRAPHING THE SINKINGS.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 22.

The Captain of the *Rainbow*, interviewed, said he was chased by two commerce raiders after leaving Pernambuco (Brazil) on the 7th inst. He was quickly overhauled. Twenty-six Germans boarded the ship and took charge. He saw three vessels sunk, the Germans taking cinematograph views of the sinkings.

## THE RAIDERS' VICTIMS.

New York, Jan. 22.

The *Yarrowdale*, with the raiders' victims, has arrived at St. Vincent.

[A Berlin official announcement has stated that the "Yarrowdale" has been brought to Swinemunde.]

## RESCRIPT BY THE TSAR.

Petrograd, Jan. 22.

The Tsar in a Rescript urges Prince Goltz, the new Premier, to devote his attention to provisioning the armies and civilians, and the improvement by rail and water of the transport. His Majesty hopes that the Council of Empire and the Duma will support the Ministers who, he says, will find the support of the Zemstvos invaluable. He declares it to be the duty of all servants of the State to show good will towards the Legislature.

## LATEST SINKINGS.

London, Jan. 22.

The steamers *Valls* (Spanish), *Dagmar* (Danish) and *Bergenhuis* (Norwegian) have been sunk.

## SUBMARINE LINERS AS FOOD-CARRIERS.

London, Jan. 22.

The Paymaster-General, Sir H. Compton-Rickett, speaking at Doncaster, unofficially suggested that submarine liners might be employed as food-carriers.

## THE SPANISH SUBMARINE STORY.

Madrid, Jan. 22.

The Minister of Marine denies that the Spanish submarine *Isaac Pirell* is in Danish waters. He states that it is still in the American shipyard, whence it will proceed direct to Spain.

## DUTCH MAIL STEAMER ARRESTED.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 22.

The *Handelsblad* reports that the mail steamer *Prins Hendrik* has been taken by the Germans to Zeebrugge.

## A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 22.

Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, has accepted a proposal for the formation of a National Government.

## SCHOOL FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES.

LONDON, Jan. 22.

The School for Oriental Studies has been opened to students. The date of the formal opening by the King has not yet been finally settled.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## GREAT DISASTER NEAR LONDON.

## TERRIBLE HAVOC BY EXPLOSION OF A MUNITIONS FACTORY.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

It is officially announced that an explosion occurred in a munitions factory in the neighbourhood of London last evening, and it is feared there was a considerable loss of life and damage.

## LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

LATER.

The Ministry of Munitions has issued the following report:—

Fire started last night in a factory in the East End of London, near the river, employed in refining explosives. A few minutes afterwards an explosion occurred. Many operatives escaped meanwhile. All the explosives and the factory were completely destroyed. Fires were caused in neighbouring factories, including an important flour mill. The explosion was felt at a great distance. Three rows of houses in the neighbourhood were practically demolished, and other property was considerably damaged. A local fire-engine was destroyed and two firemen were killed while playing on the fire. The chief chemist of the factory and a number of work-people were killed and buried in the debris.

## FURTHER DETAILS.

LATER.

The explosion in the East End last night was one of the most terrible experienced in the Metropolis. The entire City, to the outlying suburbs, was shaken. The echoes of the exploding report had scarcely died away when an angry glare filled the eastern sky. The wildest rumours spread, but gradually the facts filtered out and were found to be in very truth dreadful enough.

Fires caused by falling burning debris broke out in the area, enveloping, in addition to flour mill, other industrial concerns and many houses. Firemen, police, and military men, with ambulances, rushed to the scene, but it was impossible to remove the victims to hospital in the available ambulances. Street vehicles were therefore requisitioned and military ambulance waggon summoned, and a five-minute conveyance organised. Thus the most seriously injured persons were removed to the hospitals which had been commandeered. Fifty are stated to be killed, but that is only an estimate.

Apparently the first accident happened in the factory without warning. A vast eruption resulted and blew up the entire establishment. A scene of the utmost terror occurred. Masses of burning liquid, timber, and red hot iron were projected in all directions. It was found essential to demolish several buildings to check the progress of the fire.

The number killed in the factory and neighbourhood has not been ascertained, but, owing to warning being given, the casualties were not nearly as heavy as anticipated. Between 30 and 40 bodies have been recovered and about 100 reported as seriously injured.

The Local Government Board and Local Authorities have undertaken to have funds raised. Meanwhile the Borough Authorities to provide immediate necessary relief.

The Ministry of Munitions states that the accident will make no practical difference to the output of munitions. The Minister of Munitions visited the

scene to-day, and every effort is being made to deal with the unfortunate effects.

The King has twice enquired as to the damage and loss of life, and expressed solicitude for the families of the victims.

## DEATH ROLL OF BETWEEN 50 AND 60.

Twenty-one died in ten hospitals yesterday; therefore the death-roll of the explosion is now between 50 and 60. The in-patients number 112, and in addition 265 more slightly injured are being treated.

## THE INDIAN WAR LOAN.

## "TIMES" CRITICISM.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

In connection with the announcement of the Indian War Loan, the *Times* criticises the policy of the Raj, and particularly Sir William Meyer, financial member of the Viceroy's Council, in objecting to the extension of the War Loan to India, lest it should impede the raising of internal loans for normal purposes.

The *Times* is sure that the expectations of a large response will be realised, and is of opinion that the loan will work out very much upon the lines advocated by the Hon. Mr. Webb, "one of the ablest and most earnest of India's public men." As the Imperial Government have large payments to make to India the money will probably remain there, but even the comparatively modest sum of £25,000,000, mentioned by Mr. Webb as well within India's possibilities, would be a substantial help to the Home Exchequer, and tend to maintain the stability of Exchange.

The article emphasises that the loan will be quite voluntary, and welcomes Mr. Chamberlain's assurance that no Rupee loan will be raised in India for Indian purposes. The writer expresses the opinion that the proper course for the Raj at present is to ruthlessly cut down every class of internal expenditure and commend to the Home Authorities the view that India ought at present to be entirely independent of food imports from England.

## THE "YARROWDALE'S" FATE.

## TAKEN INTO SWINEMUNDE.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.

It is officially announced that the steamer *Yarrowdale* has been brought into Swinemunde.

## MINOR OPERATIONS ON BRITISH AND FRENCH FRONTS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says: We carried out a successful raid on the east of St. Eloi. There has been considerable artillery fire on both sides, particularly on the right of our line.

We effectively bombarded enemy positions on the La Bassée Canal, to the south-east of Bois Grenier.

PARIS, Jan. 21.

After an artillery duel south of Laasigny an enemy *coup de main* failed. The French, in a raid on the north-west of Soissons, captured prisoners. There have been patrol encounters at Burnhaupt and in Alsace.

A strong enemy reconnaissance on the south-west of Altkirch was repulsed.

## THE RUMANIAN CAMPAIGN.

## ENEMY USING EXPLOSIVE BULLETS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A Russian official report by wireless states:—Covered by concentrated artillery fire, the Russian army forces, attacking our Nanchi front in the vicinity of the river Rinnik pressed back our detachments towards the Sereth.

The enemy exclusively used explosive bullets south-east of Rakotich, and used the same class of bullets in the Caucasus.

## GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

A German official report states:—The Rumanians made desperate attacks on the north of the Susita Valley, and were five times sanguinarily repulsed. We captured 400 prisoners.

General Mackensen has captured Mannetti on the Sereth, despite snow storms.

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## SITUATION IN ATHENS.

## IMPROVING DAILY.

ATHENS, Jan. 18.

The situation is improving daily. Negotiations on the application of the Entente demands began yesterday.

The Chief of Police has given an assurance that the released Venzelists will not be molested.

The officers of the mixed military control have arrived.

## THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL SMUTS.

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Jan. 20.

The King has sent the following message to General Smuts:—

As you are relinquishing the Chief Command in East Africa I desire to congratulate you on the effective manner in which you have successfully conducted operations, notwithstanding the unusually difficult conditions. I wish to thank you for the valuable services recently rendered to the Empire.

## THE WAR LOAN BOOM.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS STILL POURING IN.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The War Loan boom is undiminished. Twenty subscriptions yesterday totalled £24,500,000.

## "THE FIELD" EDITOR'S COMPLAINT.

## AN INQUIRY ORDERED.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The *Daily Mail* states that Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War, has ordered an inquiry into the circumstances alleged by the Editor of *The Field*.

## MR. BALFOUR'S NOTE.

## CORDIAL RECEPTION IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.

Mr. Balfour's Note has been cordially received by the American Press. The *World* says:—"Nobody has stated the case against Germany with less passion and more clearness."

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## THE FIGHTING ON THE RIGA FRONT.

## RUSSIANS IN WHITE TUNICS IN SNOW COUNTRY.

A telegram from Riga, transmitted to Harbin by the Petrograd Telegraphic Agency, dated January 9th, states that fighting on the Riga front continues favourably for the Russians, whose positions on the Riga front are being strengthened. The Russian army has been successful in the Mita sector. The Russian counter-attacks have completely failed. The Russians have strengthened their positions taken from the enemy and are continuing operations, which on account of their extended front, are now more systematic. According to the latest news the Russian pressure along the Riga front has thrown the Germans into a panic. The Russian attack was launched where the Germans least expected it, just before Christmas. Consequently the enemy was taken unawares.

Prisoners state that it is hard to describe the effect of the Russians' sudden unexpected attack on the Germans in their trenches and most of them surrendered. Many German officers who were sleeping in their comfortable underground quarters rushed out and tried to rally their men but soon met their death. The Germans were unable to make use of the great part of their machine-guns. Many guns and machine-guns were captured by us and were immediately used against the enemy. Large numbers of prisoners have arrived in Riga. They consist mostly of middle-aged landwehr and include not only Germans and Austrians but also Turks and Bulgarians, and are dressed in all kinds of garments. A number of long-range and quick-firing guns, mortars, field-guns and ammunition wagons have been brought into Riga and are being exhibited on the boulevards and in the cathedral grounds, where they attract large crowds.

## CHINESE M.P.'S HOLIDAYS.

## DELAYING LEGISLATION.

Owing to the large number of Members of Parliament who have left for their homes for the Chinese New Year, there is a possibility that the second reading of the Bill of the Constitution will be delayed through the lack of a quorum. The Chairman of the Conference last week wired to the absentees urging them to return.

## COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE IN COLOMBO.

We take from the "Times of Ceylon" the following report of the introduction of the Compulsory Military Service Bill in the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Stubbs explained that there had been a strongly-expressed desire in Ceylon that there should be compulsory military service for all Europeans of military age. The measure now before the Council was the outcome of this desire. During the time that he was administering the Government he appointed a Committee to consider the question. The report which that Committee made was confidential, and, consequently, he was not in a position to deal with it.

Before going any further there were two points he wished to make quite plain. It was not intended by the Bill to send home for service at the front the Europeans in Ceylon or to displace with the garrison that was here. Its object was to increase the strength and efficiency of the local forces, which had always been regarded as an important adjunct to the regular garrison, and which had rendered great service to the Empire in the course of the present war.

It was not of the opinion the measure would largely increase the local forces. It was very rare, he thought, to find any man of military age who was not serving in one or other of the local Corps. But they had the future as well as the present to consider, and it was highly desirable that every man coming into the island, as well as those already in the island, should be called upon. In connection with the question of efficiency Mr. Stubbs pointed out that so long as the forces were purely of a voluntary character, it was difficult to expect the same level of efficiency that there would exist if the men were compelled to serve. For instance, there was always the man who, for some reason or other, felt dissatisfied with his condition and wished to resign. The Bill would prevent such resignations, and it would give the military authorities a greater measure of control, and consequently would enable them to establish a greater measure of efficiency.

He frankly confessed that the Bill was "susceptible" to some improvements, and he had no doubt that it would receive them in the course of its progress through the Council. He might mention that it had been submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and he, while approving its proposal, desired that there should be every opportunity for it to be thoroughly discussed, and it must be understood that the Official Members would not be bound to vote for it.

Coming to some of the amendments which on more matured consideration and in the light of information which he had since garnered several amendments seemed desirable. Mr. Stubbs thought that the age-limit—placed in the Bill at 55—was too high. He did not think that there were many men in Ceylon of that age who were capable of efficiently performing military duty, and he thought the age-limit might be reduced to 50.

That, however, would not prevent older men placing their services at the disposal of the military authorities if they desired. Again, it had been represented to him that Clause 35 providing that all men between the ages of 18 and 40 should serve in a volunteer corps was ambiguous. The question had been asked him whether it was intended that a man between 18 and 40 will be able to acquire himself of his liability by joining one or other of the Town Guards. The answer was in the negative. "Gentlemen of military age," said Mr. Stubbs, "will have no such soft option." It would, of course, be necessary to differentiate. Without discussion, he thought the Town Guards in the outposts might be regarded more or less as special constables. In Colombo this was not so. "The Town Guard in Colombo," added the Colonial Secretary, "is, or can be made, a military force of considerable value." Steps are to be taken accordingly to organize it in a manner which would enable it to attain the same high level of efficiency as the Town Guard Artillery, and to this section of the Town Guard would be consigned men of 18 to 40. There would be reserve companies for the older men, but the men between 18 and 40 would, as he had said, be required to attain the same high level of efficiency as the Town Guard Artillery.

Dealing with the question of discipline, Mr. Stubbs pointed out that it would be necessary for the military authorities to direct men to do what they did not belong to a corps to join whatever unit in which the authorities might consider their services were most required, while they would also have the power to transfer men from one corps to another. Both these powers, however, would be subject to confirmation by His Excellency the Governor and here the Committee which were established under the Bill would come into operation and their recommendations would be considered. Amendments might be necessary as to dealing with offences. At present it was provided that this matter should lie with the Committee. He thought it might be found that this would be neither desirable nor practicable, and as far as military offences were concerned it might be necessary to take these out of the hands of the Committee.

Here Mr. Stubbs left the measure which was seconded and the Council went on to consider other matters. The "first reading" had occupied ten minutes. Mr. Stubbs was often halting and occasionally yawning by no means as expeditious as would have been desired. "I do not wish to follow," said one who heard his speech, "what is meant by the T.P. attaining the same high level of efficiency as the T.G.A. Does it mean Swedish drill and tactics? Clause 35 seems to be growing more ambiguous."

Next week, however, the amendment verbally outlined will be legally defined.

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## DESIGN OF SUBMARINES.

Submarines are armed with torpedoes and with guns. In regard to the torpedo, a peculiarity exists which differentiates its use very much from that of the gun.

The initial velocity of a projectile from a high-power gun is 3,000 ft. per second. The speed of the fastest ship is not over 60 ft. per second. As these two velocities are in the ratio of 50 to 1 a ship cannot escape from a projectile fired at her. The greatest velocity of an automobile torpedo seldom exceeds about 40 miles an hour, and this only for moderate ranges. By reducing the speed to 30 miles or less an hour the compressed air in the flask can drive the torpedo further, but such speeds, according to a United States naval officer, Captain W. L. Rodgers, are of the same order of magnitude as those of the target ship. Consequently, the direction and speed in which the target ship is moving are most important elements in deciding when she is within range. Consider, for instance, a 30-knot torpedo, capable of running 10,000 yards. If fired at a ship approaching at the rate of 20 knots, there is a chance of hitting if fired at a distance of over 15,000 yards, whereas if the target is withdrawing at 20 knots the torpedo will exhaust its motive power and stop before overfaking the target. If fired from any range above 8,000 yards. When submerged the submarine itself also is limited both in speed and radius—12 miles at most at 10 or 12 knots, 100 miles more or less at 5 or 6 knots. Thus when favourable opportunities occur in the submarine's area of action, it concentrates that of the torpedo which it carries as its chief weapon. It cannot chase to advantage when submerged. A submarine cannot be given the highest surface speed because of the heavily built hull and the heavy storage batteries. Such surface speed as can be given to a submarine is inadequate for the tactical requirements of battle. It may enable a submarine to assume a favourable position for submerging ahead of its approaching enemy, but it cannot be great enough to be satisfactory in the tactical approach, as is the case with the torpedo boat. The 30-knot, which relies upon her great speed as a means of protection when

charging upon the enemy. As the submarine when submerged cannot hope to overtake its target it must lie in wait for the target to come to it.

## THE VULNERABILITY OF THE SUBMARINE.

Limited to moderate surface speed and low submerged speed, and unable to increase weight by the addition of armour, the submarine is obliged to rely upon her faculty for concealment as her chief means for employing her weapon, whether mine or torpedo. But concealment entails disadvantages. In hiding herself she becomes blind, and it is by the adoption of the periscope she has recovered partial sight, she has sacrificed a corresponding measure of invisibility. Before concealing herself to attack, the submarine first must sight her enemy in order to direct her attack. To accomplish this to best advantage she must rise and search the horizon with natural vision. Unfortunately when so doing she cannot promptly submerge, and is therefore liable to surprise attack. The submarine's difficulty in seeing has consequences which extend beyond the individual ship. In warfare there is a combatant advantage in superior numbers which is greater than the numerical ratio of the hostile force (as may be mathematically shown). For this reason it has always been reckoned a great point, both ashore and afloat, to bring superior forces to engage simultaneously upon the field of battle. But the submarine's imperfect vision occasions danger of interfering with friends when large submarine forces are concentrated for simultaneous concerted action, such as does not exist in the assembly of any type of surface craft. Thus the submarine is not only an arm to be used by stealth, but its most favourable opportunities occur in dispersed and solitary action rather than in concentrated and co-ordinated action. Engineering.

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## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

MURKETT COURSE, 1917, PART I.  
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1. P.C. 570 J. E. Rocha ..... 70
2. P.C. 780 F. E. Remedios ..... 69
3. Staff Inspector Langan and P.C. 501 J. A. Barradas ..... 64
4. P.C. 745 J. A. Gutierrez and P.C. 781 C. A. Rodriguez ..... 62
5. P.C. 561 Antonio ..... 61
6. P.C. 553 J. M. Ribeiro ..... 60

ALL Recruits and all members who did not fire (or failed to pass) Part II, of the 1916 Course, are provisionally warned to attend the Range on Sunday next, January 28th. They will leave as follows:—

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- No. 4 Company, leave Blake Pier at 1.15 p.m. sharp.

Those in possession of new Winchester Cartridges will take them on to the Range. All others will have rifles issued to them on the Range.

POLICE SCHOOL.  
Thursday, January 25th.—Staff Class and Class II.

Friday, January 26th.—Class I. (Inspector Gerard) and Class III. (Inspector Grant).

Note.—Members will attend in uniform and provide their own writing material.

PARADES, 5.30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 26th.—All Recruits of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Companies under the Sergeant-Major.

Monday, January 29th.—No. 2 Company. Maxims Gunners. All Recruits.

Tuesday, January 30th.—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies. Ambulance Platoon, and Buglers and Drummers.

Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—All Recruits.

Friday, Feb. 2nd.—No. 1 Company.

The above Company Parades will be taken by the D.S.P. (H.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th.—Practice at Club Lane at 6 p.m.

RAND PRACTICE.  
Tuesday, January 24th.—6 p.m. (Sgt.) F. C. JERRY, D.S.P. (H.).

TO-day's Advertisements.

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HONGKONG, Jan. 22, 1917. 1433

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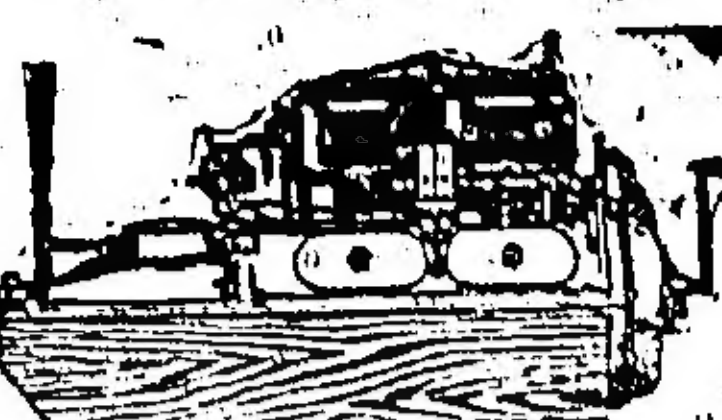
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Six hours, ..... 100  
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ..... \$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 4.30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, ..... 0.60 cents.  
Three hours, ..... \$1.00  
Six hours, ..... 1.50  
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ..... 2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.  
Quarter hour, ..... \$0.15 \$0.30  
Half hour, ..... 0.20 0.40  
One hour, ..... 0.30 0.60  
Two hours, ..... 0.50 0.80  
Three hours, ..... 0.70 1.00  
Six hours, ..... 1.00 1.50  
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ..... 1.50 2.00

IV.—In the Hill District.

Ten minutes, ..... 5 cents.  
Quarter hour, ..... 10  
Half hour, ..... 15  
One hour, ..... 20  
Every subsequent hour, ..... 20

Note.—If the rickshaws be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, ..... 5 cents.  
Half hour, ..... 10  
Hour, ..... 15  
Every subsequent hour, ..... 10

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the hire causes the journey to take longer than—

To 4th mile, ..... 75 cents—1 hour.  
return, ..... \$1.00—2 hours.  
Beyond 4th to 8th mile—  
single, ..... \$1.20—2 hours.  
return, ..... \$1.50—4 "Beyond 8th to 12th mile—  
single, ..... \$1.75—2 1/2 "  
return, ..... \$2.00—5 "  
Beyond 12th to 16th mile—  
single, ..... \$2.25—3 "  
return, ..... \$2.50—7 "

Fares for journeys beyond the 16th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one rickshaws with three coolies from Tsim Sha Tsui.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

I.—Not exceeding over passenger.

From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home ..... 04 cents.  
From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital ..... 04  
From Government Civil Hospital to Lock Tower ..... 04  
From Lock Tower to Race Course ..... 10  
From Race Course to Bay View House ..... 12  
From Bay View House to Bay View House ..... 08  
From Bay View House to Quarry Bay ..... 08

II.—In the City of Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.  
Quarter hour ..... 10 cents.  
Half hour ..... 20  
One hour ..... 30  
Two hours ..... 50  
Three ..... 60  
Four ..... 70  
Five ..... 80  
Six ..... 90  
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.20

III.—Beyond Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.  
One hour ..... 30 cents.  
Two hours ..... 45  
Three ..... 60  
Four ..... 75  
Five ..... 90  
Six ..... 1.00  
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria half fare

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 11.20.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly from Vladivostok to Weihaiwei and over N. Annam, and increased slightly from Shanghai to Formosa. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

The monsoon will probably be interrupted along the east coast of China to-morrow, but remain fresh to moderate over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.34 inches, against an average of 0.74 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 23rd January:—

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock: E. winds, strong to moderate; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong to fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: E. winds, moderate.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN JANUARY.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of January, 1917:—

Date.	Ends.	Ends.
Jan. 22nd.	6.53 a.m.	6.18 p.m.
" 23rd.	6.53	6.17
" 24th.	6.53	6.18
" 25th.	6.53	6.18
" 26th.	6.53	6.18
" 27th.	6.53	6.20
" 28th.	6.51	6.21
" 29th.	6.51	6.22
" 31st.	6.51	6.23

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY

## HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 22, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Wai-choi	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Mamau	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Haradate	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Tsiki	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Kochi	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Nagasaki	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Kagoshima	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Shimonoseki	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Yokohama	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Osaka	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Kobe	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Manila	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Shanghai	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Amoy	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Swatow	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Shantou	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Yantai	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
W Weihaiwei	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Wai-choi	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Manila	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Shanghai	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Amoy	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Swatow	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Shantou	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
Yantai	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b
W Weihaiwei	6.30	29.99	19	78	W	2	b

T. F. CLAYTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 22, 1917.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).

7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

Not exceeding per passenger.  
Quarter hour, ..... 40  
Half hour, ..... 50  
One hour, ..... 60  
Two hours, ..... 1.00  
Three ..... 1.40  
Four ..... 2.00  
Five ..... 2.50  
Six ..... 3.00  
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5.00

Between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 8 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

## SHARE REPORT.

JANUARY 22ND, 1917.

Stock and paid up Value.	Quotations 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shanghai \$125	\$710	\$2.5 interim .....	6 1/2 p.c.
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Cantons .....	\$ 50 \$375	\$7 final a/c 1916 and Interim of \$15 a/c 1915. Final div. of 15% making 27 1/2 % a/c 1916 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
North China .....	\$25 T. 120	Final of \$20 and bonus \$10 a/c 1916. Interim of \$30 a/c 1915. Final of \$15 making \$45 for 1916 and int. of \$4 accounts 1915 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
Union .....	\$100 \$900	\$7 and bonus \$2 for 1916. \$27 for 1915 .....	7 p.c.
Yangtze .....	\$ 60 \$255		
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fire .....	\$ 20 \$185	\$7 and bonus \$2 for 1916. \$27 for 1915 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Fire .....	\$ 50 \$375		
SHIPPING.			
Douglas Steamships .....	\$50 \$116	\$1 final and \$4 bonus making \$14 a/c 1916-1917 for 1916 .....	11 1/2 p.c.
Steamboats .....	\$ 15 \$20		4 1/2 p.c.
Indo-China .....	\$25 \$41	\$1 for 1916 .....	6 p.c.
(Preferred) .....	\$25 \$132	10% Bonus for 1916 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
(Deferred) .....			
"Shell" Transports .....	\$21 \$104	3/4 a/c 1915 Coupon \$1 1/4 a/c 1916 Coupon \$2 .....	7 p.c.
"Star Ferry" .....	\$ 10 \$35	\$1.25 dividend 45 cents Bonus for year ending 30-4-16 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars .....	\$100 \$125	\$12 for 1916 .....	10 1/2 p.c.
Malayan Sugars .....	\$ 50 \$37	\$5 for 1916 .....	
MINING.			
Kailash .....	\$21 \$37	1 1/4 a/c 1916/17. Coupon No. .....	
Kailash .....	\$21 T. 21 1/2	Tls. 1 for 1916 .....	4 p.c.
Kailash .....	\$21 \$2.40		
Kailash Mines .....	\$21 \$1.6	3-4-1916 .....	
Kailash Mines .....	\$21 \$2.9	3 % for 1916 .....	
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Kowloon Wharves .....	\$ 50 \$22 1/2	\$3 1/2 for 1916 .....	4 p.c.
K. & Whampoa Docks .....	\$ 50 \$125 1/2	\$5 for 1915 .....	5 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Docks .....	T. 100 T. 87	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30-4-16 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Wharves .....	T. 100 T. 85	Tls. 3 for 1915 .....	5 1/2 p.c.
HOTELS, LANDS AND BUILDINGS.			
Hongkong Hotels .....	\$ 100 \$115	\$3 a/c half year 30-4-16 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
Central Estates .....	\$100 \$180	\$7 a/c 1915 .....	7 p.c.
Hongkong Lands .....	\$100 \$25	Interim div. of \$2 1/2 .....	7 p.c.
Humphreys Estates .....	\$ 100 \$7.5	35 cents for 1915 .....	8 1/2 p.c.
Kowloon Lands .....	\$ 50 \$35	\$2 1/2 for 1915 .....	6 p.c.
West Pointe .....	\$ 50 \$50	Interim of \$1 .....	4 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Lands .....	T. 50 T. 92	6 % interim a/c 1916 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
COTTON MILLS.			
Ewoe .....	T. 50 T. 146	Tls. 16 for year ending 31-12-16 .....	10 1/2 p.c.
Shanghai Cottons .....	T. 50 T. 117 h. 116 1/2 & 117 m.	Tls. 4 div. a/c year ended 30-4-16 .....	8 p.c.
Kung Yik .....	T. 10 T. 12 1/2 ex. div. b.	Tls. 1 1/2 for 1915 .....	10 1/2 p.c.
Y. K. Engineering .....	T. 5 T. 5 1/2		
MISCELLANEOUS.			
China-Borneo .....	\$ 12 \$5	72 cts. for 1916 .....	3 1/2 p.c.
Light & Powers .....	\$ 5 \$4 1/2	6 p.c. for year ending 23-2-06 .....	7 1/2 p.c.
China-Indo .....	\$10 \$9	70 cents for 1915 .....	7 1/2 p.c.
China-Indo .....	\$ 5 \$2 1/2	\$3 for year ending 31-7-16 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
Green Islands .....	\$ 10 \$1 1/2	30 cents for 1915 .....	6 p.c.
Hongkong Electric .....	\$10 \$51	\$2 1/2 for 1916/1916 .....	4 p.c.
Hongkong Ice .....	\$ 22 \$169	\$2 on a/c 1915 .....	7 p.c.
Hongkong Ropes .....	\$ 10 \$24 1/2	\$1 interim 1916 .....	4 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Tramways .....	\$7 m. \$7 m.	7 % interim a/c 1916 cents 16 1/2 per share .....	4 1/2 p.c.
H.K. Steel Foundry .....	\$ 50 \$2		
Peak Tramways .....	\$ 10 \$10	7 % for 1916/1916 .....	7 1/2 p.c.
do. (new) .....	\$ 1 \$1		
Steam Laundry .....	\$ 5 \$5 1/2	25 cents for 1916/1916 .....	6 1/2 p.c.
Union Waterboats .....	\$ 10 \$15	\$1 for 1916 .....	4 1/2 p.c.
Watsons .....	\$ 10 \$5 1/2	70 cents for 1915 .....	15 p.c.
William Powell .....	\$ 7 \$2 1/2	50 cents for 1915/1916 .....	
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